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Shantz Village gets qualified approval from citizens

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

A Shantz Village project open house and public hearing April 19 heard from citizens that, with some changes, building an adult community on the 45-acre Shantz Crossing site has wide, if qualified, public support.

Mayor Rick Mousseau said, "We had mostly positive responses to a project that will be good for the town."

During the four-hour afternoon and evening open house, town council, administrators and representatives of the Shantz Village Land Corporation, builders WestRidge Fine Homes and Scott Builders met with an estimated 75 citizens, town CAO Harold Northcott said.

Forty people attended the public hearing and six spoke.

"We received ideas at the open house we will consider," said WestRidge Fine Homes manager Marc Lehouillier. His firm will build the villas and apartments in the complex.

Scott Builders, builder of the extended care structure, would like to start work this year on the facility.

The biggest issues raised at the public hearing were the connection to downtown across Highway 582, and the integration of commercial space planned for Shantz Village with the commercial district in the historic downtown.

The hearing also heard a caution about the CRP train whistles disturbing the sleep of Shantz Village seniors "who need their sleep," and the compatibility of a residential development with adjacent and nearby industrial plants.

Gord Phillips said Shantz Village "doesn't fit" the town and needs some changes.

Phillips said the plan splits Didsbury's retail areas that should be integrated. He said the town needs to upgrade its downtown commercial district, and could use the new retail that is needed for Shantz Village to force the upgrade.

The Town should not let the bureaucrats at Alberta Highways impede a safe crossing across Highway 582 to the downtown, Phillips said.

Phillips also expressed concern about increased traffic along 23rd Street passing Westglen and Ross Ford schools.

"I know Didsbury needs to pay down debt," said Phillips. But it should not grab at anything that comes along, he said.

Kevin Bentley said the commercial street in Shantz Village faces inward with its back to downtown and would be better situated facing outward.

Other obstacles were raised at the public hearing. Chris Overwater owns and operates Train Oilfield Services located adjacent to Shantz Village.

"Am I going to be protect-



Noel West/MVP Staff

Shantz Village Land Corporation co-owner Carla MacLean speaks with Chris Overwater, owner of Train Oilfield Services adjacent to the proposed Shantz Village development at the Shantz Village open house April 19. To Clara MacLean's right are Shantz Village Land co-owner William MacLean and Daniel Goldstrom of NAI Advent real estate services.

ed?" Overwater asked. "When I bought this land Shantz Crossing was to be an industrial development. I don't want to be what people see when they look out their window."

Brenda Turner said Shantz Village is not inviting for people who walk. Hemmed in by Highway 582 and the CPR railway track, Shantz Village is not a walking area, she said.

"I don't see a safe way to

cross the highway, said Turner.

Fred Van Vliet questioned the absence of a professional urban planner from the Town of Didsbury's development of Shantz Village.

Van Vliet described the conditional sale of the land and the Shantz Village proposal as a "short-term solution."

"You live with the results of these things for a long time."

Town of Didsbury officials

will now review the input they received during the hearing and at the open house, said Christofer Atchison, the town's manager of legislative and development services.

The proposal is expected to return to council April 26 for second and third readings of the Shantz Village municipal development plan amendment, land use bylaw amendment and area structure plan, he said.

Community embraces show and shine

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Businesses are "getting it" that the annual show and shine set this year for May 7 is an opportunity to embrace the community and promote their business, said Dana Munn, the Didsbury Car Club vice-president.

"Businesses are reaching out to organizers to participate," Munn said in an interview April 20.

"They know that this will be a

fun, engaging event. We expect the Popcorn Man, the Calgary World of Wheels too and a local dentist to take booths."

These are examples of the types of local, Mountain View and southern Alberta businesses that are seeing the opportunity that the show and shine creates, said Munn.

"The World of Wheels will bring the pin-up girls from their March show and will be selling pin-up fashions on our main street," he said.

At the Get Fueled gathering on April 19, where local vintage car enthusiasts get together to display vehicles and talk cars, Munn made a positive comment about the event to the operator of a barbershop.

She promptly reduced men's hair cut prices from \$18 to \$12 for Get Fueled participants.

More businesses are taking advantage of marketing to the car community and car events, Munn said.

The show and shine creates a one-

day opportunity to reach these buyers, he said.

If the weather is favourable, the car club expects more than 500 vintage cars and motorcycles to enter and be displayed along 20th Street, president Gil Enns said.

For the first time this year, several entry tables staffed by volunteers will be available along 19th Street so that there is minimum delay to sign in.

"These cars are not made to sit and idle," Enns said.



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Letters

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Shantz Village has the potential to

grow our population by 25 per cent, change local economics, increase job opportunities and decrease unemployment. What follows will be additional retail, commercial, service, and yes, industrial opportunities.

It will have great spinoff value for


business. Community groups will have an increased volunteer base from which to grow and offer more programming.

There will be more opportunities for entrepreneurs to start up new businesses. Their success rate will

be higher due to our unprecedented growth. Broadband opportunities will abound thanks to our digital infrastructure and digital online employment will thrive.

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After Hours (Toll Free) 866.527.5866
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www.didsbury.ca

PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday April 26, 2016 at 6:00 pm
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday May 11, 2016 at 4:30 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF DIDSBURY PROPOSED BYLAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Didsbury in the Province of Alberta has given first reading to Bylaw 2016-05 "Land Use Bylaw Redesignation".

Bylaw 2016-05 "Land Use Bylaw Redesignation"
A Bylaw of the Town of Didsbury, to amend Land Use Bylaw 2013-03 for the parcel of land described as:

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Plan		1311558

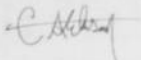
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be amended from UR - Urban Reserve to R4 - Residential - Large Lot

Prior to being reviewed for second and third readings, a public hearing has been scheduled for this Bylaw on May 10, 2016 at 6:00 pm. The location of this public hearing will be at the Town of Didsbury Council Chambers (2037 - 19 Avenue).

The public may view a copy of the proposed Bylaw at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue, during regular office hours 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. A copy of the proposed Bylaw will also be published on the Town of Didsbury website www.didsbury.ca.

Date of first publication of this notice: April 26, 2016



Christofer Atchison
Manager of Legislative and Development Services

ROLLOUT CART PICK-UP SCHEDULE

April	May
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Recycling Blue Bins will be picked up every second week on your Compost Green Bin collection day beginning in May 10. No recycling pick-up the week of May 2 - 6.

Employment Opportunities

The Town of Didsbury is currently accepting applications for the following :

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Community Programming

Youth Field Trip: Weekend Warriors Paintball - Friday, May 6 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm please meet at the Multi-Purpose Room. Ages 10 - 15, cost is \$40/child. Includes transportation, gun rental, paintball and lunch. Deadline for registration is April 29.

Call Didsbury Neighborhood Place to register 403.335.8719

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On-line element completion - May 29
Co-teach element completion - June 26
In-class element - July 4 - 6
from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
(Didsbury Aquatic Centre)

Must be 15+ years of age and hold Emergency First Aid or Bronze Certifications. On-line and co-teach elements MUST be completed before the in-class element. For information and registration call the Didsbury Memorial Complex 403.335.7369

Course Cost \$285.00 + gst

New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued for these proposed developments:

HO 16-02	2129 - 17 Avenue	Home Occupation - Hair Salon	R1
DP 16-014	90 Sandpiper Drive	Dwelling Unit - Semi Detached w/Suite	R2
DP 16-015	94 Sandpiper Drive	Dwelling Unit - Semi Detached w/Suite	R2
DP 16-016	2208-23 Street	Setback Relaxation	R2
DP 16-023	1611-15 Avenue	Courthouse Renovation	R1
DP 16-024	83 Valarosa Drive	SFD with attached garage	R2
DP 16-026	2301-19 Street	Change of Use - Automotive	I1
DP 16-028	3001-10 Street	Accessory Building - Garage	UR
DP 16-029	A4-6 2409 - 16 Street	Change of Use - Restaurant	C2
DP 16-030	91 Valarosa Street	SFD with attached garage	R1
DP 16-032	2158-24 Avenue	Deck	R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 pm on **May 10, 2016**.

Kristopher Pickett - Development Officer

Moving progressively into the future by enhancing our community and quality of life, while respecting our history.

Letters

Thank you for listening to our concerns

We would like to commend and congratulate the mayor and town council on the potential sale of the Shantz property. Although we support the development and the positive impact this growth will have on Didsbury, we want to ensure that it won't negatively impact the adjacent land and business owners, as we have made a substantial investment in our property based on the fact that we were to be surrounded by other industrial companies under the original site usage plan.

We want to thank the mayor and town council for the opportunities they have provided us, both in public and private forums, to express our concerns with having an industrial area and a residential area as neighbours. The previous town council and mayor were extremely proactive in keeping us in Didsbury when we were appraising property for our new facility.

Members of the current council have not only listened to our concerns, but have also put us in touch with the owners and developers of Shantz Village. Also, we would like to thank Harold Northcott and Christofer Atchison for coming out to our shop to see what our business does first hand, to better understand our concerns.

We appreciate living here, we care for the welfare of the town, and we respect how the Town of Didsbury has dealt with us and look forward to a continued positive relationship with the mayor, town council, town employees and our new neighbours.

Chris and Kristine Overwater
Train Oilfield Services Ltd.
Didsbury

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Let's not forget there will be more dollars for recreation and quality of life initiatives, seniors' recreation and health initiatives, youth programming, and increased opportunities for high-quality jobs for our youth so they can live here, raise their families in our safe and caring community, and have wonderful, successful lives while living close to family and friends.

Do we need a broader tax base? Yes. Does the Shantz Village development have the potential to provide it? Absolutely.

In a perfect world, council would have told the developer to hold off and miss an entire construction season to ensure council had talked to everyone in town

about their thoughts prior to accepting the conditional offer. The developer would have patiently waited.

In the world we live in, council made the best decision we could in the time allotted with the information it was given, to ensure the best outcome possible for Didsbury.

This new opportunity changes our future and as such, council needs to revisit the strategic plan to realign it to include this new opportunity and the goals that will come with it.

Council needs to provide measurable goals in the strategic plan to ensure administration is able to measure success. The community will need to be engaged in the development of this new

vision. There needs to be ongoing reviews of the plan, to keep the Town of Didsbury on task.

We have the most amazing town. Strong agricultural background, safe, small-town feel, unique shops and businesses and a full slate of amenities. Our historic downtown has become the stage for many filming opportunities.

I love our community and am so proud to call it home. I am excited for the opportunities that have and will come our way. Let's remember to celebrate our successes and opportunities, and embrace our future. No matter what, it's going to be amazing.

Deputy Mayor
Joyce McCoy
Didsbury

Why poison the gophers?

OK, so tell me, what was the purpose of poisoning gophers at Ross Ford Elementary School at taxpayers' expense? As if they pose a danger on a hill.

Does this not pose a danger to kids and wildlife in the area? Could you explain? Thank you.

Julie Smith
Didsbury

100 years of an equal voice

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Some stories are worth repeating. This is one.

One hundred years ago, the Canadian Expeditionary Force was mired in the trenches of Europe while the French and Germans fought an epic battle at Verdun.

In Turner Valley, William Stewart Heron was drilling up the first large oil and gas field in Alberta and the flares lit the skies all the way to Calgary.

Women rolled bandages and knit grey socks for the soldiers in Europe.

And in one of those political Prairie fires in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the elected politicians, all men, made laws to grant the vote to women.

Alberta's Equal Suffrage Statutory Law Amendment was the first of many extraordinary political remedies in the province's political history.

The pilgrimage towards equal rights for women had just begun.

Asian women, including sizeable Japanese, Hindu and Chinese populations, won the right to vote in federal elections in 1948 and provincially in 1949.

Equal voting rights for First Nations men and women (without giving up their treaty rights) was withheld until March 1960.

It has taken time for equal voting rights to be extended to equal political participation.

Here in Alberta, a lawyer named Emily Murphy was appointed a police magistrate in 1916 and this started a court battle because The British North America Act said women were not legal "persons."

She won, but only as the law applied in Alberta.

When Murphy's name was put forward to Prime Minister Sir Robert Borden for a Senate appointment, he declined because she was not a "person."

She and four other Alberta women's rights activists signed a petition to the Senate asking: "Does the word 'persons' in Section 24, of The British North America Act, 1867, include female persons?"

A court process ensued to decide the matter.

The four others were Irene Parlbay, Louise McKinney, Nellie McClung and Henrietta Muir Edwards.

With Emily Murphy, these women became The Famous Five when the Dominion of Canada's highest court, the British Privy Council, made its landmark decision on Oct. 18, 1929.

The Privy Council decision was that, "yes, women are persons ... and eligible to be summoned and may become Members of the Senate of Canada."

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Dan Singleton/MVP Staff

CALLING ALL RESIDENTS - About 50 residents of Aspen Ridge Lodge in Didsbury attended an April 19 meeting to hear details of the planned installation of a new nurse call, telephone and security system. Mountain View Seniors' Housing CAO Sam Smallidon said buying into the new system, at \$49.50 a month, is not mandatory. "There is no requirement for you to switch your phone to the new system. It's not giving you anything less than you already have. In fact it's giving you more," he said. Already in place in Olds' and Carstairs' lodges, the new system should be online in Didsbury by June 1, he said. A followup information meeting for residents and families is planned for May 2 at the lodge.

Syrian refugee family arrives

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

The Syrian refugee family, sponsored by the Refugee Welcoming & Resettlement Working Group of Didsbury and Carstairs will arrive in Alberta in early May, spokesman Phil

Heidebrecht said April 20.

The family will settle in Olds.

The sponsoring group will help the family with practical matters like housing, shopping and finance. They have been in discussions with school officials to place the children in school. They will also extend friendship to the family.

Community Briefs

Jane's Walk to take place May 14

Community advocate Kevin Bentley will hold a Jane's Walk, named in honour of urban thinker Jane Jacobs, in Didsbury May 14. Now in its ninth year, the volunteer-run Jane's Walks take place in more than 75 cities and towns in 15 nations.

Jacobs believed communities should be "experienced and explored." The walks have become an opportunity to meet neighbours, visit the nooks and crannies of the community and learn about the town, its past and its people.

Bentley has organized the May 14 event and will act as the walk animator. It starts in front of Mugs coffee shop on 20th Street at 11 a.m.

Jacobs was an American-born journalist, author and activist who lived in Toronto from 1968 to her death in 2006. She left the U.S. after her arrest at a public hearing. She was charged with inciting a riot, later reduced to disorderly conduct. She wrote the iconic *Life and Death of American Cities*.

Olds Community Chorus performs in Didsbury

The Olds Community Chorus will present its annual spring chorus at the Didsbury Zion Evangelical Missionary Church on Wednesday, April 27. The popular chorus will also give the spring concert at the Olds First Baptist Church on Thursday, May 5. There is an admission for adults and students but it is free for children six and under.

Grades 3 and 4 students learn in-line skating

Alien In-line Skating will be at Ross Ford Elementary School April 25, 27 and 29 to teach grades 3 and 4 students how to in-line skate.

Alien provides the skates and safety equipment. Students who have their own gear are welcome to use it at the, and parents are invited to attend

Didsbury High School Band competes at Whistler

The Didsbury High School Band travelled to British Columbia last week to

compete at a music festival in Whistler.

On the way to Whistler the band stopped at Revelstoke to play for an elementary school audience. Following the festival, the musicians became tourists and spent a day in Vancouver visiting such attractions as the Vancouver Aquarium.

Didsbury library fund raiser set for May 18

The second annual Novel Affair fundraiser for the Didsbury Municipal Library is set for May 28 from 6 to 11 p.m. Tickets are available at the library.

The evening features dinner parties hosted by volunteers and themed on a book title. The patrons select a book title when they buy their ticket. "Some dinner parties are attended by people who are complete strangers and some are old friends," said library manager Inez Kosinski.

A dessert reception with a silent auction at the library follows dinner.

Pre-registration for Zion DVBS

The Zion Church summer DVBS program is accepting pre-registrations at www.zionkids.ca or by calling 403-335-3629.

The preschool program for ages three to five will be offered July 11 to 14 in the mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. The elementary DVBS for children from kindergarten to Grade six will be held Aug. 22 to 26 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Lost Soldiers set date for B.E.S.T. motorcycle ride

The Didsbury Lost Soldiers Motorcycle Club has set its 2016 Bikers Everywhere Supporting Troops ride for the weekend of July 15-17.

The three-day event will take place at the Mountain View Community Hall east of the Didsbury exit on Highway 2. There are camping facilities. A pre-run party is planned on Friday. Bikers for Christ will lay on a breakfast at 9 a.m. Saturday before the poker run. The day concludes with a pig roast dinner and live music until sunrise on Sunday.

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"We reserve the right to limit quantities"

Soccer season kicks off

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

The start of the Didsbury minor soccer season April 20 was postponed because members of the U-16 boys team who were to travel to Three Hills for a Big Country league match, were on spring break school trips to Costa Rica and, with the high school band, to Whistler, B.C.

The game has been rescheduled to May 6.

The U-18 girls were scheduled to play in Three Hills the evening of April 21.

Volunteers were out April 16 in Didsbury setting up nets, putting down lines on the fields and repairing the turf where necessary at Didsbury High School, Westglen School and Ross Ford Elementary School.

The volunteer co-ordinator for the day, Arno Wildt, said the Didsbury Minor Soccer Association this year will field U-12 boys and girls teams, a U-14 boys team, a

U-16 boys team and a U-18 girls team in the Big Country Soccer Association.

The U-12 boys team starts play in Didsbury at Westglen School against the Bowden team April 25, and the U-12 girls play in Olds at the A&W field at 44 Avenue and 52 Street.

As well, U-6, U-8 and U-10 teams are scheduled to play in Didsbury. Their season starts with U-8 playing at the Westhills field on 15 Avenue April 25. U-10 also plays at Westhills on April 26, and U-6 starts its season May 3 at Didsbury High School. All these games are scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Wildt said rain does not deter play. Unless there is standing water on the field, or snow or thunder and lightning, the games go on, he said.

Didsbury is a small town so the number of players and their ages changes from year to year, Wildt said. The number of teams, the age groups and the rosters are set after the association has its registration.



Submitted photo

Kelly Campbell's 1972 Chevelle at the car club's April 19 regular Get Fueled Night in the parking lot east of the Centex gasoline bar. Campbell is the committee leader for this event, every first and third Tuesday of the month from 6 p.m. to dark, weather permitting. The next event is on May 3.



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"I signed up with Canmore Fire and Rescue six years ago," says Jason Lyon. "I thought it was the right thing to do—I believe in doing things for my community and my personality is that of a person who likes to get things done. I also like the excitement—every call I respond to is different."

Like all volunteer firefighters, Jason spends most of his time doing a regular job. He is the publisher of the Rocky Mountain Outlook newspaper that serves the communities of Canmore, Exshaw, Banff and Lake Louise.

"I am fortunate that my employer, Great West Newspapers, supports my participation in the fire department. When a call comes in during work hours, I have to leave but I know the job of putting out the newspaper will get done."

At first there was some concern of a potential conflict of a news person volunteering as a firefighter but Jason separates his role as newspaper publisher and firefighter. He does not involve himself in any newspaper reporting—his staff do that. "I keep my mouth shut and let the professional reporters do the investigative reporting," he adds.

He recalls responding to the southern Alberta floods of 2013. "It was a major disaster and I had to be on the front lines. The staff at the Outlook responded by being the professionals they are and did the reporting and got the newspaper out."

"When I go on a call my family goes on a call," adds Jason. Being a volunteer firefighter requires strong family support and commitment. "Most often calls seem to come in during the evenings and at night. I may be watching a movie or playing soccer with my two kids and suddenly I am called away. My family has to support that and they do."

Commitment is necessary. The firefighters in Canmore train for three hours every week. Jason has also volunteered for the special operations team—ice, rope, and swift water rescue—which takes another evening each month. He responds to about 100 calls each year—that averages one call every three days while the Canmore Department responds to over 600. The Canmore department assists in the area from Deadman Flats to the Banff Park area as well as Kananaskis and Spray Lakes.

Peter Krich, Camrose Fire Chief and President of the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association, says that Jason is just the kind of individual that makes our communities safe. Peter has been leading the recruitment program of the AFCA for the past several years. "Almost every fire

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department has a recruitment challenge, so we developed a program to help. It has been an overwhelming success and has been adopted nationally by the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs," exclaims Peter.

There are approximately 13,000 firefighters in Alberta. Of those about 11,000 are volunteers. The remaining are fully paid full-time firefighters usually working in the bigger cities. There are volunteers from 16 years of age (junior firefighters) to the renowned 94-year old Walter Thomas who began his volunteer firefighter career in 1947 (he no longer fights fires but serves as



Canmore Fire Rescue members work to extinguish overheated breaks that ignited the tires on a semi truck east of Canmore on the Trans Canada Highway.

Rocky Mountain Outlook, Craig Douce Photo

the historian for the Fort Saskatchewan Department).


"Without the 11,000 volunteers, our small and rural communities would be in severe difficulty in dealing with fires.

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Spring, summer worst months for fatal crashes involving alcohol

BY DOUG COLLIE
MVP Staff

RCMP are urging motorists to drive carefully, because traditionally, the rate of fatal collisions involving alcohol skyrockets during spring and summer.

In a recent news release, Olds RCMP said so far this year, they've investigated 21 incidents involving impaired operation of a motor vehicle. Of those 21 investigations, 11 resulted in charges.

Following are details of impaired driving incidents dealt with by Olds RCMP during the first couple of weeks of April.

On April 13, Olds RCMP and Alberta sheriffs attended a single-vehicle collision on Highway 587 west of Bowden.

"Witnesses said the grey SUV had come to rest in the south ditch after having gone in and out of the ditch several times," police say.

The female driver was arrested immediately for impaired operation of a motor vehicle. She was brought to the Olds RCMP detachment to provide samples of her breath.

"The results of the tests were four times the limit of 80 milligrams (mg) of alcohol in 100 millilitres (ml) of blood," RCMP say.

Jenny Mosely of Mountain View County was charged with impaired operation, impaired care or control over 80 and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.

She is scheduled to make her first appearance regarding those charges on May 16 in Didsbury provincial court.

On April 9, police were travelling on 46 Street when they saw a vehicle taking up two lanes of traffic.

A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was arrested for impaired operation of a motor vehicle.

He was taken to the RCMP detachment to supply samples of his breath. The results showed the driver to be over 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood.

A 43-year-old male Olds resident is charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle and impaired operation of a motor vehicle while over 80 under the Criminal Code.

At the time a release on the incident was issued, police said they could not release the name of the driver, pending the swearing of documents on the matter.

The suspect is due to make his first appearance on these charges May 16 at provincial court in Didsbury.

On April 5, police attended the Mountain View Plaza parking lot for a male reportedly drinking beer in his vehicle.

Police demanded the driver provide samples into an approved screening device. The driver, Kevin Hehr of Mountain View County, failed to do so, RCMP allege.

As a result, he's charged with failing to provide samples of his breath into an approved screening device.

He is also charged with transporting liquor in a vehicle without access of an occupant under the Gaming and Liquor Act.

His first appearance on those charges is set for May 9 in Didsbury provincial court.

Sports

Soccer season underway

Twenty-four teams registered so far

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

The 2016 season for the Carstairs Minor Soccer Association kicked off last week and president Mandy Longeway said she is looking forward to another successful year.

There are 260 people registered so far, making 24 teams including four U-4, six U-6, four U-8, three U-10, two U-12, two U-14, two U-16 teams and one U-18 team.

"We noticed that our younger age categories have actually grown," said Longeway, adding there are more U-8 and U-10 teams this year than there were last year.

"Last year it was huge U-4 and U-6 and

those numbers are pretty well maintained so, lots of little people around here," she said.

The season ends in June and provincials for U-12 and up will be held in July. She said the Carstairs Minor Soccer Association is hosting district finals this year for U-14, U-16 and U-18 teams in June.

Longeway has been on the board for the association for five years now and encourages people to sign up.

"I think it's great for team building and getting the kids involved in a team sport," she said. "It's learning through fun. I think we provide a pretty good program."

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